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dollars and costs of prosecution, or by imprisonment at hard labor in the common jail of the County of Kent, or in any penitentiary, jail, work-house, house of correction, or alms-house of said city, in the discretion of the court or magistrate before whom the conviction may be had, for a period of not less than five days, nor more than ninety days; and in case such court or magistrate shall only impose a fine and costs, the offender may be sentenced to be imprisoned at hard labor in the common jail of the County of Kent, or in any penitentiary, jail, work-house, house of correction, or alms-house of said city, until the payment of such fine and costs, for a period of not less than five days nor more than ninety days.

### Repealing Clause.

Sec. 429 (14). The following ordinances are hereby repealed, to-wit: An ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Relative to Public Lamps and Lamp Posts in the City of Grand Rapids," passed March 1, 1873;

Also an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance Relative to Public Parks and Places in the City of Grand Rapids," passed March 8, 1873;

Also an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Relative to the Protection, Preservation and Use of Bridges Across Grand River in the City of Grand Rapids, belong to said city," passed June 21, 1873;

Also an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Relative to the Preservation of Public Property of the City of Grand Rapids," passed March 1, 1873;

Also all other ordinances and parts of ordinances in anywise contravening the provisions of this ordinance.

An Ordinance to Regulate the Use of the Public Parks of the City of Grand Rapids, and to Provide for the Preservation of Public Property Therein. Passed May 4, 1891. Amended June 20, 1892, and October 11, 1897.

The Common Council of the City of Grand Rapids do ordain as follows:

### Parks—Injury to Trees, Etc.—Animals, Etc.—Handbills.

Sec. 430 (1). No person shall break, cut, mutilate, injure,

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overturn, remove or carry away any tree, shrub, plant, flower, stone, or stone-work, bench, chair, seat, bower, stand, house, arbor, structure, fence or property, or anything whatsoever in, upon or belonging to any park, square or open space, in the City of Grand Rapids, or in any street, avenue, or highway in, adjoining to or around the same; nor shall any person climb up, or upon, any building, house, fence, table, seat or other structure in said park, place or square; nor shall any person kill, disturb, or molest any bird or bird's nest, or any fish or animal within, belonging to or being therein; nor shall any person paste or affix or inscribe any hand-bill, sign, poster, card, device or inscription to, upon or against any fence, tree, structure, or property of or on such park, place, square or highway, in or adjoining the same; nor shall any person disfigure or injure any sward, gravel, sand, turf or earth, or any tree, fence or structure therein, or adjoining thereto; nor shall any person fasten or hitch any animal to any tree, fence or structure in, or upon, the same, unless the same shall be designated and set apart for such purpose; nor shall any person ride or drive any animal or vehicle therein except upon the proper roadways, avenues and drives, and shall not drive therein at a speed exceeding eight miles per hour.

**Parks—Speeches in.**

Sec. 431 (2). No person shall deliver any oration, address, speech, sermon or lecture therein unless he shall have first received permission from the Common Council of the City of Grand Rapids, or the Mayor or other lawful authority so to do; nor shall any public meeting be held therein unless leave is first obtained.

**Parks—Dogs in—Fire Arms.**

Sec. 432 (3). No person shall allow or permit any domestic animal to go, be, or run at large within any such park, place or square; nor shall any person carry any rifle, gun, or other fire arm of any kind within any park of the City of Grand Rapids, and no dog shall be allowed therein except when fastened or led by a cord or string not exceeding six feet in length.

**Parks—Disorderly Language—Games—Handbills—Peddlers—Picnics in.**

Sec. 433 (4). (As amended October 11, 1897.) No person shall

use any threatening, obscene, profane or indecent language in any such park, open place or square, or be guilty of any disorderly or indecent conduct; nor shall any person indulge in any games, acts or demeanor calculating or tending to mar or disturb the feelings or enjoyment of the visitors attending such parks, places or squares; nor shall any person or persons deposit any rubbish or refuse in or upon such park, place or square, except the same be deposited in waste baskets to be provided by the Committee on Parks; nor shall any person post, exhibit or distribute any advertisement, circular or hand bill therein; nor shall any peddler or petty dealer sell, or in any manner dispose of any article in or immediately adjoining any public park, place or square in said city, unless he shall first obtain express permission so to do from the Common Council of the City of Grand Rapids. Picnics and social parties may be allowed in such portions of said parks as shall be designated and set apart by the Park Committee of the Common Council of the City of Grand Rapids from time to time.

#### Hours When Parks Open to Public.

Sec. 434 (5). (As amended June 20, 1892.) The three public parks belonging to said city and respectively named and known as the "John Ball Park," "Lincoln Park" and "Highland Park," shall be open to the public only between the hours of sunrise and 9 p.m. of each and every day, and it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, except the person and employes in charge of any such park, to enter therein before the hour above named for the opening of said park, or to remain therein after the hour above fixed for the closing thereof; Provided, however, That the Committee on Parks of the Common Council or Mayor of said city shall have the power, in their discretion, whenever special occasion may require it, to specially provide for all or any of said parks above named being opened at an earlier hour or closed at a later hour than the hours above designated.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions or requirements of this section shall be liable to the punishment prescribed in Section 6 of this ordinance.

#### Penalty.

Sec. 435 (6). (As re-numbered June 20, 1892, and amended

October 11, 1897.) Any person or persons who shall violate any of the provisions or requirements of this ordinance, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than two dollars nor more than one hundred dollars and costs of prosecution, or by imprisonment at hard labor in the common jail of the County of Kent, or in any penitentiary, jail, workhouse or house of correction of said city, in the discretion of the court or magistrate before whom the conviction may be had, for a period of not less than two days nor more than ninety days; and in case such court or magistrate shall only impose a fine and costs, the offender may be sentenced to be imprisoned at hard labor in the common jail of the County of Kent, or in any penitentiary, jail, workhouse or house of correction of said city, until the payment of such fine and costs, for a period of not less than two days nor more than ninety days.

**An Ordinance Relative to Cemeteries and the Protection Thereof and the Burial of the Dead in the City of Grand Rapids. Passed January 13, 1896.**

The Common Council of the City of Grand Rapids do ordain as follows:

#### **Public Cemeteries—What Are.**

Sec. 436 (1). All cemeteries now owned or which may hereafter be acquired by the City of Grand Rapids, wherever situated, and all cemeteries now within the limits of said city, whether owned by said city or not, are hereby declared to be public burial grounds, and no person or persons, corporation, society or congregation shall establish or locate any other cemetery within the limits of said city.

#### **No Interments Except in Cemeteries.**

Sec. 437 (2). No interment of the body of any person shall be made in any other place than within a cemetery devoted to that purpose.

#### **Cemeteries—Property in Not to be Injured.**

Sec. 438 (3). No person or persons shall injure, cut or remove any trees, shrubbery, gate, fence, post or steps, standing, growing or being in and upon any cemetery or cemetery grounds belonging to said city.